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FBID Progress Report for July 1964

GENERAL

1. Cyprus Situation: The Cyprus situation took a distinct turn for the worse in July, with a large buildup in Greek troops and heavy weapons, reduced respect for and increased interference in the peace-keeping and surveillance activities of U.N. Forces, and more provocative acts by both Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities. While most of the Greek troops, whose number has been estimated as high as 20,000, are reportedly assembled in the Troodos Mountains, heavy weapons appeared in the Kyrenia area in mid-month when artillery was emplaced near the Kyrenia-Karavas road in conjunction with a threatened Greek Cypriot attack on the village of Temblos. The attack was averted, but the artillery remains, and reportedly coastal defense positions will be constructed in the vicinity of the bureau.

An Ankara announcement that the Turkish Air Force would target the Greek artillery positions if necessary, plus the increased ability of Greek forces to resist a Turkish landing, created an ominous situation for the Mediterranean Bureau. Instead of the Turkish "walk-in" which was foreseen some months ago, a Turkish intervention now would probably put the bureau and the homes of bureau employees right in the middle of a full-fledged battle. There is no indication that the situation will improve.

In the face of all this, Mediterranean Bureau plans for fallback monitoring were accelerated. The idea of emergency monitoring from a British Sovereign Base Area was all but abandoned in view of the formidable obstacles to implementation of such an operation, and full concentration was turned to development of the Tel Aviv fallback plan. Additional equipment was shipped to Israel to provide everything necessary for the immediate transfer of all coverage of Greece, Turkey, and Cyprus to Tel Aviv. Tel Aviv-London communications were assured, with the BBC agreeing to pay the cost, and a personnel complement was selected. Present plans call for the transfer of four Americans, three Greek and three Turkish monitors, and three teletypists to Tel Aviv in the near future without waiting for the emergency situation which might prevent either Greeks or Turks, or both, from leaving Cyprus. For the same reasons, plans were made to transfer the Mediterranean Bureau's Persian monitors to the London Bureau. When these plans are carried out, the Mediterranean Bureau will be left with responsibility for covering only Israel and some Arabic broadcasts and for recording Soviet regionals for processing at the Austrian Bureau.

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In Washington, as part of contingency planning to cover the eventuality that it may prove impossible to reconstitute the Mediterranean Bureau at Karavas, contacts were made with the Department of State concerning possible establishment of an FBIS bureau near Teheran. The response of the Department of State officials was encouraging. The tentative FBIS requirements will be outlined to the Embassy in Teheran and its opinion of the Iranian Government's attitude toward an FBIS survey team and possible establishment of a monitoring station will be sought.

2. Mediterranean Bureau Operations: Plans to return two Russian monitors from Vienna to the Mediterranean Bureau for more efficient processing of Soviet regional broadcasts were postponed at the request of Ambassador Belcher. The return of two Arabic monitors from London permitted the bureau to resume full responsibility for the coverage of Beirut domestic service broadcasts. ✓

3. Mediterranean Bureau Security: The Mediterranean Bureau Marine guards took steps to improve the bureau's physical security. Marine Major J. K. Coody visited the bureau for orientation. During his visit Marines from Nicosia and the station reviewed weapons technique and observed demonstrations of the use of chemicals for destruction of files and records. More of the bureau's electronic equipment was sent to the Austrian Bureau for emergency storage.

4. U.S.-Soviet Desalinization Talks: A compilation of Soviet statements on desalinization of sea water and the peaceful uses of atomic energy was prepared at DD/I request for the White House Scientific Advisory Staff and forwarded as a Special Memorandum. In addition, Khrushchev and Soviet press statements on Soviet desalinization efforts were compiled for the Atomic Energy Commission in preparation for the 14-15 July American-Soviet talks on desalinization in Washington.

5. Special Requests: FBIS responded to a number of special requests during the month. These included an OCI request for a report on the propaganda content of the clandestine Radio Espana Independiente and a DD/P request for program summaries of Moscow Arabic broadcasts and a one-day sample of Cairo's MENA output.

6. Use of FBIS Material: The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries of the Department of the Interior reported that it was able to produce a "very useful" study on Soviet fishing activities in the Pacific area based on FBIS shipping briefs. During July, 16 percent of the items appearing in the OCI Digest were based wholly or in part on material supplied by FBIS. ✓

7. Tape Recordings: There was again a significant number of requests for tape recordings. With the approval of the Assistant to the Director for Public Relations, the Key West Bureau furnished Miami's NBC Television

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Station with a recording of a Robert Williams broadcast over the Cuban-controlled Radio Free Dixie. Recordings of Fidel Castro's 26 July speech and a Moscow broadcast to Arab listeners, as well as a continuing supply of Tashkent in Uighur recordings, were requested by DD/P components. USIA requested a two-week sampling of Moscow broadcasts in Lingala and Bambara.

8. Transmitter, Programming Information: FBIS furnished information to DDI/CGS on Moscow, Tashkent, and the Soviet Far East very-high frequency transmitters and programs; to OCI on Peking's programs and transmitting facilities to Taiwan and on clandestine transmitter activity in the Middle East; to DDI/NPIC and ORR on transmitters and programs in North and South Vietnam; to the Departments of State and Defense concerning broadcasting in various countries of the world; and to USIA on "Radio Free Dixie" broadcasts.

9. Subscriptions to Publications: Only one Congressman receives an area Daily Report on a regular basis, but two Senators requested special issues during the month. Senator Long of Missouri requested copies of all four Daily Reports for a week following the Republican Party Convention and Senator Javits of New York requested copies of the Middle East, Africa and West Europe Daily Report during the meeting of African leaders in Cairo. The office of Senator Scott of Pennsylvania was added as a recipient of the "White Book." Ambassador Ben S. Stephansky, who has been assigned by the Department of State to the new U.S.-Puerto Rico joint commission on the status of Puerto Rico, requested a subscription to the Latin America Daily Report. DIA increased its requirements for the "White Book" from 28 to 55 copies and reduced its subscriptions to the area Daily Reports by 69.

10. Wire Service Request: The Office of Scientific Intelligence, under the Deputy Director for Science and Technology, requested the FBIS Wire Service. Technical arrangements are nearly complete. ✓

11. Lateral Services: London Bureau responded to a request from Saigon Bureau for all major Soviet statements on Indochina. The BBC notified the Okinawa Bureau of its special interest in reports concerning anti-Malaysian volunteers from Indonesia and in economic information from Indonesian broadcasts. The Mediterranean Bureau supplied the BBC tape recordings of General Grivas' 24 June Nicosia radio address for archival storage. The Taiwan Defense Command requested from Okinawa Bureau immediate notification when the Chinese Communists issued their 299th and 300th "serious warnings." The Office of the Coordinator of Cuban Affairs in Miami requested confirmation from Havana of reports that a plane tried to destroy a Cuban sugar mill. London Bureau began sending all Soviet space shot announcements to NORAD at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado. NORAD noted that this direct "reporting of space information has significantly improved speed of delivery."

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12. Daily Report Supplements: During July, two Daily Report supplements totaling 173 pages dealt with the Polish Workers Party Congress. The People's Daily-Red Flag 14 July article on "Khrushchev's Phony Communism" was published as a 36-page supplement. ✓

13. Completion of Publication Conversion: All Daily Reports, including the "White Book," were converted to offset printing on 24 July, several weeks ahead of schedule. Some unevenness in printing will persist for several months while the new small-type IBM typewriters are being adjusted and the Printing Services Division uses up excess stocks of mimeograph paper left over from the former publication process. It is estimated that PSD will be able to switch to the proper paper for offset printing in November. ✓

14. Recorded Telephone Reports: The FBIS Wire Service now has an IBM "Executary" ^{belt type} magnetic tape recorder connected to its telephone for recording calls when communications outages or delays precludes the use of teletype in passing vital information between field bureaus and Headquarters. The new recording unit will enable FBIS to provide even more rapid and more accurate coverage to the White House Situation Room, the OCI Watch Officer, and other high-level consumers during critical periods. ✓

15. Briefings and Debriefings: In addition to the usual FBIS briefings for OTR sponsored activities and visitors from other USIB components, arrangements were made for the debriefing of the recently returned Chief of the Mediterranean Bureau, [redacted] by interested Agency officials. 50X1

16. Vienna Embassy Meetings: At the invitation of the Ambassador, the Chief of the Austrian Bureau began participating in the American Embassy's weekly general staff meetings.

17. Cooperation with West Germans: A [redacted] monitor completed a five-month training course at the German Bureau and returned to the West German Monitoring Service in Cologne, where she will monitor Moscow German broadcasts, file summaries to the German Bureau, and process the items which the bureau requests, all part of continued training for the West German Monitoring Service taking over coverage of Moscow German broadcasts in October and providing the material to the German Bureau in exchange for the FBIS material it has been receiving. 50X1 ✓

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18. London Bureau Alternate Location: Work is nearly completed on an alternate location for the London Bureau in an auxiliary building on the BBC grounds at Caversham to be used in case the main monitoring building must be evacuated because of fire or some other emergency.

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ADMINISTRATION

19. Personnel: During the month of July three employees entered on duty, two employees transferred, and one employee was separated from FBIS. The on duty strength as of 31 July was including two employees on Leave Without Pay. There were six professionals and seven clericals in process during the month.

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2. Personnel Entering On Duty

<u>Name, Title, Grade</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>	
[redacted] Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-8	Editorial Branch (Trf. fr. JOTP)	5 July 1964	50X1
[redacted] Propaganda Anal Of, GS-9	Radio Propaganda Branch (Trf. fr. JOTP)	5 July 1964	50X1
[redacted] Clerk Typist, GS-3	West Coast Bureau (Trf. fr. DD/S&T)	14 July 1964	50X1

3. Promotions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>	
[redacted]	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-10 Austrian Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Austrian Bureau	5 July 1964	50X1
	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-13 Radio Propaganda Branch	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-14 Radio Propaganda Branch	5 July 1964	
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 London Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 London Bureau	19 July 1964	
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 German Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-13 Okinawa Bureau	19 July 1964	
	Electron Spec, GS-10 Mediterranean Bureau	Electron Spec, GS-11 Mediterranean Bureau	5 July 1964	✓

4. Reassignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-8 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-8 East Coast Bureau	5 July 1964
	Electron Eng(Radio), GS-12 East Coast Bureau	Electron Eng(Radio), GS-12 Mediterranean Bureau	5 July 1964
	Brdest Mon(Multi), GS-10 Key West Bureau	Brdest Mon(Multi), GS-10 West Coast Bureau	5 July 1964
	Info Of(Chief), GS-15 Okinawa Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst)(Ch), GS-15 Editorial Branch	19 July 1964
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 Mediterranean Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 Editorial Branch	19 July 1964
	Electron Eng(Radio), GS-13 East Coast Bureau	Electron Eng(Radio), GS-13 West Coast Bureau	5 July 1964
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 West Coast Bureau	19 July 1964
	Electron Spec, GS-11 East Coast Bureau	Electron Spec, GS-11 Okinawa Bureau	5 July 1964
	Electron Eng(Radio), GS-12 Mediterranean Bureau	Electron Eng(Radio), GS-12 East Coast Bureau	5 July 1964
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 West Coast Bureau	5 July 1964
	Info Of(Chief), GS-14 African Bureau	Info Of(Chief), GS-14 Tokyo Bureau	5 July 1964

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5. Transfers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Grade, Assignment</u>	<u>Receiving Component</u>	<u>Date</u>	
<div></div>	Info Sp(For Bdest), GS-11 Editorial Branch	DDS	6 July 1964	50X1
	Adm Assistant, GS-6 Administrative Staff	NPIC	20 July 1964	

6. Separations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Grade, Assignment</u>		<u>Date</u>	
<div></div>	Info Of(Chief), GS-15 West Coast Bureau	(Retired)	23 July 1964	50X1

7. 00 Career Service Program

251 employees have been accepted for Career Staff Membership.

8. Foreign Travel

<u>Name</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Duration</u>	
<div></div>	FBID Panama Bureau	27 June - 1 July 1964	50X1

9. Average T/O Grade: 9.906

Average On Duty Grade: 9.54

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